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VARSITY WELCOMES HER RETURNED HEROES.

Strong are the ties that bind our brave boys to their Alma Mater. When she beckons as she did on Thursday last, how proudly they respond. Back from far and near they came—over forty of them—glad to be in the old halls once more, glad to join in the banquet given in their honor, glad to meet the faculty and students gathered to greet their return. Now that the cloud of war has lifted and the long suspense is over, a decidedly happy tone prevailed—much more so than one year ago—as we all sat down together in the Dining Hall. True enough, the gathering had its sober moments, as when our thoughts rested on those who will not come back, and we drank in silence a toast to "Our Dead," or again on those who worked so nobly for the Soldiers' Comfort Club, and the News Letter, both of which meant so much to the boys "over there." Though we miss them sorely and their loss is keenly felt, yet we know that they are happy in the highest reward of Christian service, and we cannot help but think that they would rather have us rejoice in the triumph of the cause for which they fought, than grieve for them..

When the inner man has been well entertained, our mental palate responds more quickly to a stimulus, and the speeches were witty and scintillated with brilliant thoughts and ideas, all perhaps taking their cue from Dean Kerr, the toastmaster, who introduced with pleasant good humor the following toast list:

The King.	
Our Dead.	
The University	P. F. Morecombe '19
	Mr. F. G. Bowers
Our Guests	Prof. Alexander
	Sgt. E. V. Henderson, '21
	Pte. J. R. Drysdale, '14
Our Men Overseas	A. L. Caldwell
	Leut. Hotchkiss
	Sergt. Howson
The Ladies	J. W. Lang, '23
	Miss Dixie Pelluet, '19

The musical numbers contributed by Miss Ella Manuel, Miss Daisy Anderson, and Miss Beatrice Crawford rounded out a very delightful programme.

COMING EVENTS

- Friday, 21.—Inter-Varsity Hockey, Alberta v. Saskatchewan at 8.15 p.m.
- Saturday, 22.—Inter-Varsity Basketball, Alberta v. Saskatchewan, at 8 p.m.
- Sunday, 23.—Sunday Service, at 11 a.m., Rev. H. J. Keith.
- Reconstruction Meeting - Alex Ross, M.L.A., at 2 p.m.
- Monday, 24.—Last day for application for tickets to the Conversazione.
- Senior Hockey, Varsity vs. G.T.P., at 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, 25.—Senior Basketball, Varsity vs. Cubs, at 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, 26.—Women's Basketball (for league leadership), Varsity A. vs. Commercial A., at 5 p.m.
- Thursday, 27.—Conversazione, at 8 p.m.
- To be played next week, but date not yet arranged.
- Senior Hockey—South Side vs. Varsity.
- Basketball—Red Deer vs. Varsity B.

THE CONVERSAT.

Conversazione: A meeting of a number of people for conversation or discussion, particularly on literary, scientific, antiquarian, or artistic subjects.—English dictionary.

The Conversat, as it is abbreviated, is the social function which, through tradition, has become the characteristic form of hospitality peculiar to the Universities. Society may go in for its assemblies, the St. Andrew's Society for its ball, another social group for its whist drive, but the word Conversazione is always linked with higher learning when students and professors invite to their halls the profane world that lives beyond the pale.

Every form of entertainment reflects the tastes and pursuits of those who provide it, and when the world and his wife are invited to spend an evening at the University, are they not right in assuming that the programme arranged for their benefit will mirror to some extent the activities and tastes of their student hosts?

For this reason the University Conversazione is a thing sui generis, not to be found elsewhere, and rightly to be expected in college halls. Whilst it may and usually does include a dance—for dancing is one of the most ancient and widely accepted forms of amusement—the guests will look for reflections of those literary, artistic and scientific aspects of life which naturally associate themselves in the public mind with the word university. Those invited, therefore, besides having the opportunity to dance may also hope for the privilege of looking through the Library, of listening to good music, of watching instructive experiments in the scientific laboratories.

The Conversazione is not a dance, it is not a lecture, it is not a concert, but it is an evening spent at the University in which, characteristic of their environment, all these factors, literary, scientific, artistic, as well as terpsichorean, join.

There has been no Conversat at the University for five years. Let us try to revive it with all its old individual flavor.

STUDENTS' UNION MEETING.

A regular meeting of the Students' Union was held on Feb. 14th. President Morcombe brought up the matter of allowing children to attend plays and concerts at the University. On motion of Sereth and Davidson it was decided that children under fourteen, unless accompanied by their parents shall not be allowed in these gatherings.

An informal discussion then followed on matters relating to the Conversazione, the president answering numerous questions on this subject. The question of a theatre night was brought up, and a motion to hold a theatre night was passed, a committee consisting of Misses Tharpe and Pelluet, Messrs. Rutherford, Sereth, Budd and Harrison, being appointed to make arrangements.

At a council meeting on Monday evening the various committees in charge of the Conversat were appointed. It was decided to reserve the bulletin board to the right of the common room door for Conversat announcements. Students should watch this board closely as it is the only means of making known to the student body the plans of the committees for this, our greatest function of the year.

A representative was also appointed to attend the meeting called for the purpose of arranging a reception for the 49th Batt. which returns to the city early in March. This reception promises to eclipse anything ever seen in Edmonton.

WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

A basketball game between Commercial B. and Varsity A. took place in the Victoria High School Gym on Wednesday, Feb. 12th. The regular first team played with Miss Clarke as spare.

The game started with a rush by Commercial which resulted in a basket at the end of two minutes' play. Then Varsity played up better and prevented the opposing team from scoring again in the first period. When half-time was called Varsity had scored seven points. Commercial scored eight points and Varsity nine in the second half, making the final score 16-10 in favor of Varsity. There were a great number of fouls, particularly in the first period. The Varsity forwards scored six points from free throws.

The whole game was wild and combination was rather poor in consequence. Because of having to play the walls when they were accustomed to play the lines, the Varsity team was at some disadvantage. This also made the game rougher than it would otherwise have been.

Four supporters turned out to the game. This was not very encouraging to the team. We have good basket-ball teams, why not encourage them by coming to the games to root?

South Side High School and Varsity Hockey teams played a great game at the South Side rink on Saturday afternoon. Varsity won in a close game by two goals, the score being 2-0. In the first period the play was slow and no goals were scored. Miss McQueen scored a goal in the second period, and Miss Whiteman another in the third.

The Varsity line-up was—

Goal—Miss M. Hotson.
Point—Miss C. Chrystal.
Cover—Miss M. Mitchell.
Rover—Miss C. McQueen.
Left Wing—Miss M. Talbot and Miss C. Schade.
Centre—Miss H. Tillotson.
Right—Miss D. Whiteman.

Y.W.C.A.

The Y.W.C.A. was very fortunate in having Mme. Bernard of Paris address the women students Friday of last week. Graphically she told the story of the sounding of the tocsin in August, 1914. In three weeks France mobilized 5,000,000 men. France had not wanted war. To avoid it in those last days of July she withdrew her troops eight kilometres from the eastern border lest they be provoked to skirmishes with the Germans.

We lived over again those tense days when the Germans advanced through Belgium, taking fortress after fortress. Liege and Namur had been built by Germany. Their guns fired only one way, into Belgium, and the ammunition did not fit.

As the French retreated the women and girls were left behind the German lines. In Lille alone fifteen thousand girls are missing. Some were sent back by way of Switzerland in crowded train loads. These looked like inmates of an asylum, frightened clean through and the little children had forgotten how to smile.

In Paris the women bow to the Canadian soldiers as they pass. The old men take off their hats. Perhaps the boys wonder occasionally, thinking, "How polite these French are." But it isn't that—the French salute the heroes of Neuve-Chapelle and the second battle of Ypres.

Mme. Bernard's voice was vibrant with feeling as she closed. "You are one with us. Together our boys fought for the freedom of the world. Together we must do our part that the principles for which they fought may be lived out in the life of each individual. You are no longer citizens of Canada alone. You are citizens of the world."

Adventures of a Varsity School Marm in the Country

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ATHLETICS

UNIVERSITY HOCKEY TEAM DEFEATS THE GRAND TRUNK

The University hockey team won second place in the league standing on Wednesday, February 12 when they defeated the G.T.P. The ice was rather heavy and as a result the game was not as fast as it might have been, but nevertheless it was well worth the trouble a few of the students took to watch it. The University team has now completed the first half of its schedule and so far has only lost one league game, but in spite of this excellent showing very few students turn out to root for the team. On Wednesday evening the leader and officers of the newly formed Rooters Club were out with megaphones and cheer sheets but so few students turned up that some difficulty was experienced in out-yelling the supporters of the G.T.P. team. Whenever a University team plays another Edmonton team all the city fans put their heart and soul into rooting against the University so that, if deserted by the students, our representatives have to play under a great disadvantage. About the only faculty which has a satisfactory representation at these games is the Faculty of Applied Science, from fifty to sixty per cent of the science students turn out to all the matches; Arts also supply a few supporters as do Medicine and Agriculture but the Med and Aggie representatives are few and far between. Speaking of the Meds, it is interesting to note that the representatives of this faculty who play on, or root for, the various athletic teams are not the ones who most widely advertise "The Pep in the Genus Med."

For the first few minutes of the game the play stayed in centre ice, but it was not long before the University forwards rushed the puck into G.T.P. territory and they kept it there until Martin scored on a nice pass from Blow. Blow scored the second goal on a close in shot. Both teams tried long range shooting but the work of the two goal tenders, Snyder and Morris prevented any scoring.

Shortly after the second period opened Mountefield beat Morris with a fast shot. Cleland retaliated by a nice rush down the side and a score from a back hand shot. From the face-off the G.T.P. rushed the puck into Varsity territory. Mountefield scored again on an excellent shot. Varsity came back strong and Cleland scored on a rebound from Blow's shot. In the third Cleland scored from the face-off with a fast wing shot. The G.T.P. followed with two goals in quick succession. This ended the scoring with Varsity on the big end of a 5-4 score.

Varsity Loses to C.P.R.

Fighting gamely to the end, Varsity lost her chance to cop the league honors Monday night when with the score tied and only five minutes to go the defence men went too far forward and Dunn broke through for a score. Again with everything to win and little to lose they crowded forward in a furious bombardment of the C.P.R. goal, leaving a clear sheet of ice for Dunn who was waiting for the opportunity. Morris came out to meet him and stopped him, but failed to get the puck which rolled slowly into the nets.

The playing of Smith and Scotty McAllister was always effective. Martin too, was always on the job and Blow did some splendid back checking. Mahaffy developed a selfish propensity to hog the puck instead of playing combination, and was replaced by Michener in the final stanza. In the seven man hockey, combination will count for more than in the six man game, and Varsity is depending upon the more familiar game to overcome the lead of Saskatchewan in Friday night's game.

VARSITY WHIPS CUBS

In a fast and exciting game on Tuesday, 11th, Varsity five scored on the Cubs to the tune of 39-29. The Cubs composed of some of the fastest material in the city, came looking for our scalps but retired leaving theirs. Expecting a hard game they brought the old veteran Vallentine along, but even with him were unable to stop the fast Varsity aggregation.

From the first whistle, the "gallery" was delighted with the play; every member of the opposing teams was on his toes; each side was out to win, and naturally the game was strenuous and exciting while at times as the points went up the onlookers were deafened by the Rooters Club.

Parney the noted "Y" man met an even match in Banks, who refused time after time to allow him to shoot. As a result his score is small in comparison with his previous games. English, the "Y" centre was so worried over Anderson that he also failed to shoot, scoring on fouls only. Vallentine met a stone wall in Hagerman, and couldn't get by. Stanton however, left Burnett and leisurely shot time after time, as an individual scoring the greatest number of points. Freeman and York were evenly matched, although both succeeded in taking a few baskets. Up to the present time the exhibition on Tuesday night was the fastest we have seen, and compares with the pre-war games. It puts Varsity on an equal footing with the league leaders.

Line-up: Cubs: Parney 8, Vallentine 2, English 7, Burnett, Freeman 12.

Varsity: Stanton 27, York 8, Anderson 2, Banks 2, Hagerman.

SASKATCHEWAN PLAYS ALBERTA

Arrangements have been made whereby the Basketballers of Saskatchewan university are to arrive with the hockey team and play the U. of A. on Varsity floor Saturday at 7:45 p.m. Our fast quintette are eagerly waiting to tackle the visitors, and promise a clean, fast game throughout. From rather doubtful material they have worked to their present position by hard training and playing and are fully entitled to the loyal support of every member of the student body. Although up to the present we are unable to get any details on the Saskatchewan team, from various reports we understand them to be clean, strong and fast. They are on a par with their hockey team: if anything a little faster. This game promises to be the best of the season. Tickets are now selling fast. Get yours before it is too late. Don't miss it on any account.

ALUMNI

Sergt. Wm. R. Howson, late of the Tanks Battalion ("Billy Howson" i.e.) returned to Edmonton last week. His friends welcomed him back most heartily and are looking forward to entertaining anecdotes of army life, which, if he be persuaded to relate, will be done, never fear, in his "inimitable manner", as the contribs. say. This inimitable manner, as those who know Howson at all will affirm, is not readily described—not even by an Alumnus. Mr. Howson was good enough to speak at the banquet to returned men on Feb. 13, on an eleventh hour notice. In relation to the date of the banquet the intimation was late but on the other hand he was procured as soon as it was known that he had arrived bodily and was available for the occasion.

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EDITORIALS

THE POINT SYSTEM FOR OFFICE HOLDERS

While our attention has been directed towards the choosing of new officers to manage our student organizations next year and we begin to consider the merits of possible candidates for various positions, we at once notice that a few individuals will probably be desired by many different departments. Strong pressure may be brought to bear upon some men to accept several offices. The responsibilities placed upon the heads of the departments will be materially increased with the much larger number of students expected next year. Is it not time to consider the desirability of limiting the number of offices one student may hold. By restricting the number of activities in which one may take part the Point System aims at three things: First, to spread among the many students, those privileges, pleasures and honors which have previously been monopolized by a few; second, to benefit organizations or activities by assuring each position or office an officer whose interests are concentrated rather than so scattered that his efforts become inefficient; third, to protect prominent individuals from being burdened with more outside work than is safe for either their studies or their health.

Briefly outlined the plan has two main principles: Every office in any recognized student organization is allotted a number of points; the number of points any student may have is also fixed. To illustrate, suppose the number of points a senior, junior, sophomore, or freshman, may hold is thirty, twenty-five, twenty and fifteen respectively. The heads of major departments may be allotted twenty points, heads of affiliated societies fifteen points, other offices, ten points or five points. A student may accept offices as long as his aggregate does not exceed that allowed him by his university standing.

By carefully working out a system of points for each office

it would be possible to adjust very fairly the amount of work each student would have to do. The plan is already in existence in many universities. We have reached the stage in our development when its adoption seems to be advisable.

THE USE AND MISUSE OF THE BULLETIN BOARD

It is quite evident that many persons do not read regularly the notices appearing upon the board from day to day. It is not necessary for every student to read every notice through. A well planned announcement should be so framed as to attract the attention of those likely to be affected by it. The notice should in a prominent place state who these may be. But every student should daily assure himself that he has not overlooked some notice which directly concerns him. All official announcements are handled by posting on the bulletin board. This is considered sufficient warning and a student may be held responsible for any obligation which has been announced in this way. Because of the importance of these notices it has been made a punishable offence to wilfully mutilate, damage, or destroy any public notice or announcement posted about the University premises. Many of the attempted witticisms that have been added to some of the official notices this winter place their authors in the same class as the despicable writer of an anonymous letter.

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Tests have been the order of the day at A. C. lately. After considerable coaxing and much persuasion had failed to induce our youths and maidens to study, the Faculty adopted this sure method of revealing to the unfortunates how little they really did know. Some of our most prominent loafers are now boasting that they only had one night out all last week.

Our class in Religious Education has enjoyed some very fine special lectures of late, including three from Rev. Dallas on Boys' Work, one from Miss K. McCrimmon on Girls' Work, four from Rev. Keith on Missions, and another by Rev. McCartney Wilson of Calgary on Preparation for the ministry. We are very much indebted to our Professor Dr. Millar for arranging this series as we feel that this is what we need more than ever at the present day.

There was considerable excitement at the beginning of last week due to one of our students being actively interested in the propagation of Bolshevism. After being compelled to kiss the Flag he still demonstrated his disloyalty. An armistice proved futile and finally it was resolved to cool the youth's ardor by an application of that never-failing cure, "the tub." Since then our red flag hero has failed to put in an appearance at lectures.

The Literary Society put on a very successful Masquerade Valentine Social on Friday evening. In spite of the dearth of costumes on hand at the dealers over town, great originality was shown by the students and many characters were very well portrayed. Special mention should be made of an elaborate costume, representing a wedding cake, which was worn by Sammy Marshall; also the slender proportions of our Pres. of the Lit. (E. J. Staley) showed to great advantage in the garb of an Indian chief.

Mrs. Chester Ronning as a Japanese lady, gained a prize for the prettiest costume, while the prize for the comic costume went to Sarvis who made an excellent "Ikéy," as father-in-law to the bridal party with Mrs. Dr. Thomas as an admirable mother-in-law. The wedding couple, Miss Dorothy Souche and Lieut. Ernie Heywood, also made a great "hit" and gained a prize.

"Stunts" were put on by the girls of the College, the boys in the Matriculation Department, and also the Theologues. These all created much fun. Miss Saunders and Lieut. Heywood also contributed to the program, both renderings were much enjoyed by all.

During the evening we had some intruders, masked ladies and gentlemen. On being requested to unveil themselves as the others, they seemed to have a sudden desire to beat a hasty retreat. It was soon demonstrated however, that one Theologue, even though he be of "middlesex" is equal to a large number of women. For as the gentle form of our Pres. of the Lit. barred the exit a melee ensued in which the intruders were unmasked, much to their dismay. It was found that under these covers were familiar faces. We have been requested to inform the student body at large when the next visit of this kind is to take place as quite a large number have expressed a desire to be in this "free for all" next time.

Other uninvited guests also prowled around the corridors, presumably in search of something which had been left at the college by the E.C.D. This was closely guarded however, and nobody went away hungry except those who had not on a "wedding garment."

We had the great pleasure of welcoming home another of our returned heroes this week-end in the person of Pte. Tom Musto. Tom enlisted in the Fifth University Co'y in Montreal, December, 1915. He later transferred to the 9th Field Ambulance with which he saw some strenuous service at Ypres, Somme and Lens, before being invalided to Blighty with trench fever. After touring numerous hospitals and base camps in the Old Land he returned to Canada on that notorious voyage of the Northland. We are glad to see him look-

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FIELD HUSBANDRY IS AGRICULTURAL

Sir: Much was said at the S.U. banquet the other evening re courses practical and cultural. My friend the Prof. of Bact. while recognizing the refining influences of the classics still holds that as a cultural process his course is second to none. Yours, AUNTY SEPTIC.

DING DONG!

Sir: Says the S.U. Pres. at the last meeting, discussing the wearing of soup and fish garments at the Conversat: "I have no dress suit now nor do I intend to get one. But I'll be there with bells on." Should we all chime in? Yours in doubt, FRUGAL FELIX.

THIS, LIKE THE GRUEN, IS VERITHIN

Sir: A mathematical friend of mine opines that it is better to own a stopped watch than one which is five minutes slow for the stopped one is right twice a day whereas the one which is five minutes slow is never right. In this connection A. N. Whitehead states on page 168 of his "Introduction to Mathematics" that, "It is interesting to observe that the relegation of the measure of time to the astronomers arises from the stable consistency of the recurrences with which they deal." (To wit, the antics of the interstellar, (or first) Rotary Club, of the immortal John in his "Ode on Some Tivity (not insect)" in reference to Tuneful Spheres.) Now comes the jolt: "If such a superior consistency had been noted among the recurrent characteristics of the human body, we should naturally have looked to the doctors of medicine for the regulation of our clocks." Yours, A.J.C.

While still on the strain of fugitive tempus we are pleased to announce that, at the urgent instance of a considerable body of students who complain of the slowness of our University clocks during lectures, a medical commission has been appointed with full plenary powers to consider the periodical characteristics, and their consistency, of the genus homo, with the purpose in mind both of furthering the establishment of an efficient and effective timetable and of rendering inadmissible the doubtlessly astral and lunar observations so frequently made by certain of those in residence. Among the investigators are Dr. Chase, Drs. Cooper and Tucker of the Med. Trust, Dr. Charles W. Horse, of the Okotoks School of Veterinary Science, and other prominent practitioners. It is expected that full assistance will be rendered by all departments and a comprehensive report will be published shortly dealing with the findings of the commission.

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With our language as she's spoken
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It is hard to stop one's wife's reproofs at night;
But a dumb and errant hub'll
Never find it any trouble
When he's had enough he just turns off the light.

If you've lost all your apparel,
Had to travel in a barrel,
Be the cynosure of almost countless eyes,
You'll agree with this here ditty
That though helpful to be pretty,
It is infinitely better to be wise.

If you wish to be regarded
As a fallen one, and carded
As a goner by the immanently good,
Take a stroll down Kinistino
With a buxom Major Reno
At a rakish angle underneath your hood.

For your future destination
All depends on your location.
When you're viewed by those who settle things mun-
If you look good you're an Abel; dane,
And if not, believe me Mable,
An appeal short of the Styx will be in vain.

OF THOSE WHO WALK ALONE

(Richard Burton, in the Century)

Women there are on earth, most sweet and high,
Who lose their own, and walk bereft and lonely,
Loving that one lost heart until they die,
Loving it only,

And so they never see beside them grow
Children, whose coming is like breath of flowers;
Consoled by subtler loves the angels know
Through childless hours.

Good deeds they do; they comfort and they bless
In duties others put off till the morrow;
Their look is balm, their touch is tenderness
To all in sorrow.

Betimes the world smiles at them, as 'twere shame,
This maiden guise, long after youth's departed,
But in God's book they bear another name—
"The faithful-hearted."

Faithful in life, and faithful unto death,
Such souls, in sooth, illumine with lustre splendid
That glimpsed, glad land wherein, the vision saith,
Earth's wrongs are ended.

"Do you know dear," said Ardis to her friend, "that when I dance with Harry it just seems as if he will dance me straight to Heaven."

"Really," replied the friend, "doesn't he ever reverse?"

"My husband is particularly liable to seasickness," remarked the lady passenger. "Could you tell him what to do in case of an attack?"

"Taint necessary, mum," replied the captain, "he'll do it."

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Mrs. Parlby, president of the U. F. W. A. of Alberta, announced as her object in speaking to the University students and friends on Sunday, the awakening of a more sympathetic understanding of rural life in order that the drift of boys and girls from the country to the glamour of the city life might be arrested. She referred to the early days in Alberta before the grain boom brought scores of people to settle on the prairies and to court trouble by growing or attempting to grow wheat. These people were brought in or allowed to come in under false impressions and no effort was made to look after them once they had arrived here and had taken up their residence on the land. Hundreds of human tragedies were enacted in the lives of people far from medical care and social conveniences. The governments seemed to care very little about the people in the quiet places, while the city merchants and brokers prospered on the sale and exchange of the produce offered by the farmer. The farmers saw the principle of competition operative in all grades and classes of society. It had become a fetish which had to be worshipped and preserved at all costs. Gradually, however, little groups of men came to understand that a new principle, that of co-operation, came to take the place of competition; and the small groups of men in the course of time grew into a large and powerful organization of men capable of holding its own people together in a public bond of cooperation.

Mrs. Parlby outlined the social program of the farmers' organization, which included (1) medical centres throughout the province where doctors and nurses would be available for all settlers, rich or poor; (2) reconstruction along lines of education and the unification of all educational agencies; (3) more centres where play facilities would be ample and varied (4) a reconstruction of the spiritual aspects of rural life. Mrs. Parlby pleaded for "the rights of small nations in our midst" and asserted that to grow "a Canadian soul" was the immediate task of all interested in the social and spiritual welfare of the people.

RECONSTRUCTION GROUP

The policy of the Non-Partizan League is a policy of gradual socialism, Mrs. McKinney, M.L.A., declared at the last Sunday reconstruction meeting at Pembina Hall. The League believes in the gradual nationalization of all public utilities at the opportune time. While she admitted in reply to a question that there was little difference between the policies of the Liberal party and the League, she claimed that there was a great difference in reality.

Mrs. McKinney started her speech by saying that reconstruction is tearing down and building anew. Our public men and our leaders in other branches have not measured up to what might be expected of them. That is a serious question because it means that the ordinary people are not measuring up, because leaders are just ordinary people who, through some circumstance have become leaders. The greatest curse that we have is that we want to "get" rather than "give". That gives the spirit of graft and patronage.

Parties exist for the benefit of the party, and the members of it are responsible to the party rather than to the people. To combat this she believes that a party should be allowed to stay in power even if defeated unless on a direct want-of-confidence vote. The Non-Partizan believes in Direct Legislation, the Initiative and Recall.

This pre-supposes a more intelligent electorate. The education must be one that will give the electors those ideals of "Give" rather than "Get". Then we will get men who will work for the public good and not what they themselves can get for themselves.

Heard in Physics

Prof.: What steps would you take in determining the height of a building using an aneroid barometer.

Student: I would lower the barometer by a string and measure the string.

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